

Appl. No. 10/006,452
Resp. dated Aug. 2, 2005

Reply to Office Action of May 19, 2005

REMARKS

The May 19, 2005 Non-Final Office Action allowed claims 1-19 and 39-56, rejected claims 20-35 and 37-38, and objected to claim 36 but indicated the subject matter of claim 36 is allowable. This Response cancels claims 20-30, 35 and 36 and amends claim 31 to include the allowable subject matter of claims 35 and 36.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

Claims 20-35 and 37-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Applicant hereby cancels claims 20-30 and 35-36.

Claim Objections

Claim 36 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim (claim 35 which depends from independent claim 31), but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant hereby amends base independent claim 31 to include the limitations of originally filed dependent claims 35 and 36 and cancels claims 35 and 36.

Allowable Subject Matter

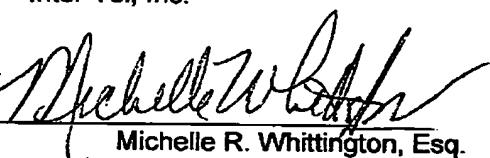
The Non-Final Office Action indicates claims 1-19 and 39-56 are allowed over the prior art of record.

CONCLUSION

After entrance of this Amendment, claims 1-19, 31-34 and 37-56 remain pending in the application. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Section 103 rejections, reconsideration of the objection to claim 36, and issuance of a timely Notice of Allowance. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the above in greater detail or deem that amendments should be made to improve the application, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

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